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#### TRIBUTE TO MARION DRESADOW

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marion Dresdow on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Marion's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Marion has lived through 17 United States Presidents and 24 Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Marion in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marion on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

#### HONORING REVEREND GRIFFIN DAVIS, SR. ON HIS 50TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT THE HILLTOP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. and commemorate the 50th anniversary of his esteemed ministry. As a devoted pastor, he has spent many years worshipping at Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church in Riviera Beach, Florida.

Reverend Davis has always gone out of his way to help those in need in his community. "Life is incomplete without God," Reverend Davis has said. "We need to get off the seat of 'do-nothing' and go out and find the Lord." Since its founding, Hilltop have brought many people together to share their deep love and devotion to the Lord.

Reverend Davis has always acted as a beacon of good-will and served as a dependable figure whom the city and its residents can rely on. His ministry has focused on providing good will and support to assist those who are most vulnerable, including the poor and disabled, and most importantly, senior citizens and children in need. He is routinely involved in ambitious projects, whether it is providing a furnished home for a church member, providing clothes and food for the hungry, or simply listening to those who yearn to be heard. Each and every one of Rev. Davis' efforts have reflected the sheer love and pride he

holds for his fellow congregants. I am truly honored to join his family, friends, and everyone in the community in honoring him.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. is a remarkable man whose heart knows no bounds. I have had the privilege to see firsthand the selfless work that he has been able to accomplish, and wish him many more years of service to his ministry. I am proud to not only represent him in Congress, but also call him my close friend.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF KEUKA COLLEGE

### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Keuka College.

Keuka College was founded in 1890 on the shores of Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes region of New York. This independent, liberal arts college was established by Rev. George Harvey Ball, who sought to provide high-quality education to all deserving students regardless of their economic backgrounds.

Over the past 125 years, Keuka College has offered students a vibrant educational curriculum focused on experiential learning and community service. All students are required to complete at least 140 hours of hands-on experience every year, putting into practice what they learn in the classroom. This enables students to gain significant, real-world experience and professional skills before they enter the workforce. The student-designed internship program "Field Period" has received national recognition from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Keuka College offers 31 bachelor's degree programs on its home campus, many with specialized concentrations. In addition, the College offers seven master's degree programs and pre-professional programs in dentistry, law, medicine, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and occupational therapy. These programs fulfill the College's mission statement by developing "exemplary citizens and leaders" who realize "their full personal and professional potential."

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Keuka College on 125 years of success. I am proud to recognize this remarkable milestone and the great contributions the College has made, and will continue to make, to New York's 23rd Congressional District.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MERTZ

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate George Mertz of Walnut, Iowa, on the celebration of his 100th birthday on October 3, 2015.

In George's early years he took over the family farm implement business and sold real

estate in Walnut, Iowa. He married Evelyn Oldehoff on September 10, 1944, and has four sons, 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. George admirably served in the U.S. Air Force during the Second World War. Longevity runs in the family, as his dad lived to be 101.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent George, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating George in reaching this incredible milestone. I wish him continued health and happiness in the years to come.

#### CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM'S DIVISION OF DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING AND RADIOLOGY

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Children's National Health System and its Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology on the International Day of Radiology and on the tremendous impact that pediatric medical imaging and radiation has on children's health care in the District of Columbia.

Children's National Health System and its Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology offers District residents access to a specialized staff, full-time Child Life Specialists, state-of-the-art equipment and walk-in radiographs. When a procedure, such as an MRI, requires sedation, Children's National is the only hospital in the national capital region that guarantees a child's anesthesia is administered by a fellowship-trained pediatric anesthesiologist.

Children's National has one of the few radiology programs in the United States with several physicists on staff. Children's physicists ensure patient safety through careful monitoring of all equipment. Their physicists supervise radiation safety throughout the hospital, can answer parents' questions about the radiation dose for an exam and ensure safe and effective application of Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

Children's National performs approximately 130,000 diagnostic imaging studies each year. These studies play a critical role in the detection, diagnosis and management of a wide variety of diseases affecting children; and they are performed by specially trained physicians, technologists, sonographers, nurses and child life specialists who understand the unique needs of our youngest patients. Medical imaging reduces the number of invasive surgeries, unnecessary hospital admissions and lengths of hospital stays, and helps lower health care costs for Americans.

On November 8, 2015, the International Day of Radiology, sponsored by the American College of Radiology, the European Society of Radiology and the Radiologic Society of North America, is celebrating the 120th anniversary of the discovery of the X-ray by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen and the important role medical imaging and radiation oncology serve in health care. Children's National will designate Friday, November 6, 2015, to celebrate the International Day of Radiology, which this year is dedicated to pediatric imaging.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 2015 International Day of Radiology and recognizing and honoring Children's National Health System and its Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology for their invaluable contributions to improving pediatric radiology on behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia.

WELCOME TO SCENIC PEARLAND,  
TEXAS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pearland, Texas for earning a Gold Level Scenic City Certification. Pearland residents already know how beautiful this city is, and we are proud that everybody across Texas agrees.

Scenic Texas, a non-profit organization, awarded the Gold Level Scenic City Certification to Pearland for five years. The organization took note of Pearland's beautiful landscapes, tree-lined streets, and dedication to cultural arts. This certification further demonstrates Pearland's commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents. We are extremely proud of this growing city.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Pearland. Thank you for keeping our little piece of Texas beautiful.

TRIBUTE TO JOE AND DOROTHY  
HILDRETH

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe and Dorothy Hildreth of Underwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Joe and Dorothy were married in 1965.

Joe and Dorothy's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Brenda and Pam, along with their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SANTA  
MONICA HEALTH CENTER RUN  
BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS  
ANGELES

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Monica Health Center run by Planned Parenthood Los Ange-

les. The Santa Monica Health Center, which is located in the heart of the 33rd Congressional District, serves more than twenty thousand of my constituents every year.

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles has provided high-quality and affordable health services for fifty years, including reproductive health care, cancer screenings, sex education, and health counseling. Thanks to their consistent commitment to patient care, they are now the largest private provider of reproductive health services in Los Angeles County. Planned Parenthood clinics are particularly essential to the health of young, disadvantaged, and low-income patients.

I am inspired by the tireless dedication and exceptional skill shown by the Santa Monica Health Center's employees, volunteers, and champions. Since its inception, the Santa Monica Health Center has worked to preserve and defend the reproductive rights of all Angelenos. By ensuring access to reproductive care, they have steadfastly protected their patients' autonomy and future opportunities.

The Santa Monica Health Center's clinicians and patient advocates earned our deepest thanks, recognition, and support. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending them for their years of service to the residents of the 33rd District.

HONORING NELSON SHANKS

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, from presidents to popes to princesses, Nelson Shanks painted them all.

An internationally renowned portrait artist, he called my district of Bucks County home—painting some of his most iconic works in his studio in Andalusia, Bensalem.

Throughout his decades-long career, Shanks served on the faculty of several prominent art organizations, including the Art Institute of Chicago and the National Academy of Design before founding Studio Incamminati in Philadelphia. Celebrated for his adherence to Realism, he was a recipient of the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement by the Portrait Society of America.

While Shanks once remarked that "If you can see it, and if you know your color, you can paint it," there is no doubt that his masterpieces far exceeded the simplicity he stated.

Nelson Shanks passed away at the end of August, but his legacy lives on in the timeless works of art around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND EMOGENE  
KAUFMAN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate John and Emogene Kaufman of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 16, 1950 at the First Christian Church

in Council Bluffs, where they have remained members.

John and Emogene's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, John and Susan, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LONG  
BEACH BRANCH OF NAACP

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2015*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Long Beach Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this week. Since its founding in 1940, the NAACP has been at the forefront of the fight to protect the civil rights of all Americans. The mission statement of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination in the United States. It has done so by advocating for and influencing the passage of numerous pieces of landmark legislation including the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. It has also been a forceful voice behind numerous court decisions that have set our nation's course on civil rights.

The NAACP has had a presence in Long Beach, CA since 1940 and has done much to advance the cause of civil rights for the city's residents. Before the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Los Angeles County was similar to many segregated counties throughout the nation and African-American residents in the county experienced racial discrimination in all aspects of their lives. The NAACP was central in the fight to combat these injustices and worked over the following decades to expand voter participation, legally challenge the segregated school system, and bring the equality of opportunity to Long Beach. Today, the Long Beach Branch of the NAACP sponsors many award winning programs and projects, such as the Community Impact Program, which promotes academic excellence, social responsibility, leadership, and community service. Since its founding, the Long Beach Branch has been recognized over 20 times with the prestigious Thalheimer Awards, the National NAACP's top award given to branches for outstanding achievements. The Long Beach Branch NAACP has also been recognized as one of the best NAACP branches in California. This success is thanks in no small part to the NAACP, which has always resolutely placed them in the vanguard of the struggle for equality.

Despite all that has been accomplished over the years, the mission and goals of the NAACP remains an ongoing journey. Racial profiling remains a pervasive policy in both the workplace and in many police departments all over the country; inequities in the criminal justice system continue to overwhelmingly impact African Americans; and, threats to voter access continue to gain traction in certain areas